

NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED
MODIFICATION OF THE I-77 AND SR 5544 (CATAWBA AVENUE)
INTERCHANGE

TIP Project No. I-4733

Mecklenburg County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold the above Citizens Informational Workshop on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Cornelius Town Hall located at 21445 Catawba Avenue, Cornelius.

Interested individuals may attend this informal workshop at their convenience during the above stated hours. Department of Transportation representatives will display maps and will be available to answer questions and receive comments from the public. There will be no formal presentation.

NCDOT proposes to modify the existing diamond shape interchange at I-77/SR 5544 (Catawba Avenue) to a Divergent Diamond Interchange (DDI). Instead of building a Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI), as once proposed, the new DDI design has been adopted to improve the traffic on I-77/Catawba Avenue Interchange. The DDI design is a relatively new concept. The design of the proposed DDI is very simple and extremely cost effective, and provides a better level of service (LOS) at the Interchange. The purpose of the project is to reduce congestion at the I-77/Catawba Avenue interchange. The need for the project is due to the substantial growth in the area and expected future congestion.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Mr. Zahid Baloch, Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch at 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1548, phone (919) 707-6012, or email zbaloch@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. Baloch as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.